

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 3-6, 11, 12, and 14-19 are pending in this application. By way of this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 9, 10, and 13 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter previously recited therein. Claims 13-19 are new. Claims 3-5, 11, and 12 are amended. No new matter has been added by this Amendment.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 112, ¶2

In the decision mailed on September 18, 2009, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (hereinafter "BPAI") affirmed the rejections of claims 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. This Amendment cancels claims 9 and 10. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of claims 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) & 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In the decision mailed on September 18, 2009, the BPAI affirmed the rejections of claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). The BPAI also affirmed the rejections of claims 11 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claims 5 and 6 contain allowable subject matter, as indicated by the Advisory Action mailed on February 19, 2008.

This Amendment converts claim 5 into independent format. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 5 is now allowable. Claims 2-4, 6, 11, and 12 depend from independent claim 5. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-4, 6, 11, and 12 are also allowable due to their dependencies from an allowable independent claim. Claim 1 is canceled.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-4, 11, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

NEWLY ADDED CLAIMS 13-19

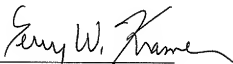
Claims 13-19 recite modified versions of subject matter formerly recited in claims 11 and 12 related to resistor and capacitor sizes. This subject matter finds support in the published version of the specification, for example, in paragraph [0046]. Claims 13-19 depend from claim 5. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 13-19 are allowable due to their dependencies from an allowable independent claim.

CONCLUSION

While we believe that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

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Respectfully submitted,
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